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MISSION HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JULY 30, 1973  
FROM WILHELM GIEL, CHAIRMAN OF TURKEY CONSORTIUM QUOTE

WHEN THE CONSORTIUM LAST MET IN APRIL 1973, IT HAD BEEN HOPED  
BY OUR TURKISH FRIENDS THAT PLEDGING FOR THE CURRENT YEAR COULD  
BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS. THEY STATED THAT THIS  
WOULD FACILITATE THE ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENDERS AND  
AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR THE VARIOUS PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROJECTS  
PLANNED. HOWEVER, SEVERAL MEMBERS FELT THAT PREPARATIONS OF AID  
BUDGETS IN CAPITALS MIGHT NOT YET BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE  
OF JULY - THE LAST POSSIBLE DATE FOR A MEETING BEFORE THE START  
OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. FURTHERMORE, SEVERAL MEMBERS INSISTED  
THAT PLEDGING SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY A DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT  
PRESENTLY BEING PREPARED BY SIR KENNETH BERRILL ON THE THIRD  
FIVE YEAR PLAN, WHICH, IT IS HOPED, WILL PROVIDE A NEW AND FIRM  
BASIS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF TURKEY'S NEEDS FOR CONCESSIONAL AID IN  
THE COMING YEARS.

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DURING THE LAST TWO TO THREE MONTHS I HAVE HELD DISCUSSIONS BOTH

WITH SEVERAL DONORS AND THE TURKISH DELEGATION IN ORDER TO ADVANCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE PREPARATIONS FOR THE ENVISAGED MEETING. UNFORTUNATELY, TO DATE NOT ALL MEMBERS ARE YET IN A POSITION TO ANNOUNCE THEIR 1973 AID CONTRIBUTION FOR TURKEY; I ALSO REGRET TO SAY THAT THE OFFICIAL ENGLISH SUMMARY OF THE THIRD FIVE YEAR PLAN HAS NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED BY ANKARA. THERE HAS FURTHERMORE BEEN A DELAY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE BERRILL REPORT, SO THAT AS YET NONE OF THE CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT ENABLING ME TO CALL AN EARLY MEETING.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS STRESSED THE NECESSITY OF HAVING A LEAD TIME OF ABOUT FOUR WEEKS IN WHICH TO STUDY DOCUMENTS AND PREPARE THEIR POSITION, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO ORGANISE A MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR OUR TURKISH FRIENDS. I PROPOSE AS THE MOST CONVENIENT DATE THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR THE NEXT CONSORTIUM MEETING.

IT IS FURTHERMORE ENVISAGED THAT THE MEETING OF THE CONSORTIUM SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME WEEK AS THE ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF TURKEY BY THE EDR COMMITTEE, AS THE SUBJECT OF THESE MEETINGS IS CLOSELY RELATED AND MEMBER DELEGATIONS WOULD NO DOUBT WISH TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS.

I SHALL INFORM YOU IN DUE TIME OF THE EXACT DATE OF THE MEETING AND THE AGENDA, AND ENSURE THAT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS REACH YOU SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE. I ALSO INTEND, IN PREPARATION OF THE COMING DISCUSSIONS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CONSORTIUM, TO VISIT ANKARA AND A NUMBER OF CAPITALS OF DONOR COUNTRIES DURING SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER. UNQUOTE.ROGERS

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